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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 2.5 Percent in September

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 20, 2010 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during September 2010 totaled 867 million pounds, up from last September's production of 846 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 542,000 head, an increase of 1,000 from the previous month, but no change from September 2009.

Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds in September, 70 pounds less than August's production per cow of 1,670 pounds and 40 pounds more than September 2009.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during September 2010 totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from September 2009. August revised production, at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from August 2009. The August revision represented a slight decrease from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,729 pounds for September, 54 pounds above September 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.37 million head, 31,000 head more than September 2009 and 4,000 head more than August 2010.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Sep 2009	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Sep 2009	Aug 2010	Sep 2010
Milk Cows	Thous.	542	541	542	8,335	8,362	8,366
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,560	1,670	1,600	1,675	1,794	1,729
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	846	903	867	13,957	15,001	14,466

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